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In re Application of

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For: METHOD OF CUTTING A SHEET AND REDUCING THE REMNANT MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The original claims that form the basis of this U.S. national stage application for the purpose of examination and amendment are the claims of the International application, as amended by Annexes that accompany the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Please make the following amendments to this application prior to examination thereof.

DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS

After the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371 based on International Application No. PCT/FI2003/00460 filed June 10, 2003, and claims priority under 35 USC 119 of Finnish Patent Application No. 20021138 filed June 12, 2002.